

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of January 28, 2008 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 4 - 6 have been examined and rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Packwood et al.

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Packwood et al describes a multi-protocol field device and a corresponding communication method. The multi-protocol smart field device uses a Fieldbus communication protocol to communicate process control information and uses a HART communication protocol to enable local configuration of the field device via a hand-held HART communicator.

This procedure is exactly what the present invention tries to avoid. On page 1, last paragraph of the introduction part of present specification the prior art case is described that field devices are parametered via a hand-held operating device. Such a hand-held operating device as it is described in Packwood et al. has two essential disadvantages in view of our solution where the parametering of field device F1 is initiated by a field device F2 having an on-site operating means:

The hand-held operating device has to be connected to the bus system in order to have access to the field devices.

The hand-held operating device requires, for comprehensive parametering, always a device description of any field device to be parametered.

The present invention allows operation in places that are not easily

accessible, unlike Packwood et al. For this purpose a second field device is used for the parametering of the first field device. This is not taught by Packwood et al, or the other references of record.

To insure clarity on this point, claim 4 has been amended as indicated above according to which accessing the operating and display software of first field device from the second field device.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 4 - 6 allowed.

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